

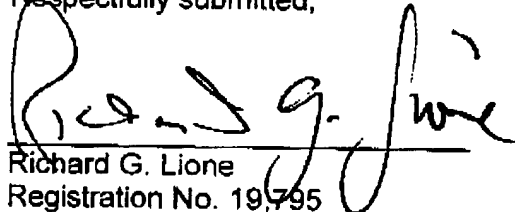
**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of August 22, 2006, dependent Claim 13 has been written in independent form as amended (independent) Claim 1. In turn, dependent Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent as Claim 30. The remaining claims in the application, Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 11, 16 and 17 all depend from either Claims 1 or 30.

Claims 13 and 14 (now Claims 1 and 30) were seen to be in allowable form in the Final Rejection of August 22, 2006. In that regard, the applicant's amendment has overcome Madeleine, Kazuhiko et al., Matyjaszewski et al. in view of Southwick. Comparison of Examples 5 to 11, Examples 13 to 15, Examples 18 to 23 with Examples 1 to 4, Examples 12, Example 17, Example 24 and Comparative Examples 1 to 10 shows that the acrylic block copolymers (A) falling under the scope of Claims 13 and 14 have excellent oil resistance and heat resistance.

Applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance. Passage of the application to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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